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Question

JSA caseload

Senator SINODINOS: I have some questions on Job Services Australia and a few other things. How many JSA providers are there currently? Mr Parsons: The answer to your question is 93 JSA as at today. Senator SINODINOS: What is the total case load at the moment? Ms Parker: Senator, I will answer the first question. As at 31 March 2013, the total case load for JSA is 788,634 job seekers. Senator SINODINOS: That has gone up since February. Was it 732,000 then? What was the date of the 788,000? Ms Drayton: It has increased slightly. I have got that from several years back, if that would help. Senator SINODINOS: No, it is okay. What was the date of the 788,000? Ms Drayton: 31 March. Senator SINODINOS: I had an earlier figure here of 732,187. Ms Drayton: That is possibly from the February estimates, but we will check on that for you.

Answer

The figure of 732 187 was the number of job seekers on the Job Services Australia caseload on 30 November 2012. This figure was provided by Ms Drayton in evidence at the 2012–13 Senate Additional Budget Estimates hearings (refer p.86 of the Official Committee Hansard of 13 February 2013).